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Ronell McFadden Found Guilty of 1st Degree Rape

Rochester, NY- Late yesterday, a Monroe County jury found Ronell McFadden, 35, guilty of 1st Degree Rape and 1st Degree Criminal Sex Act for the 2006 home invasion and rape of a woman on Ambrose street in the city of Rochester. On May 3rd of that year, McFadden forced his way into the victim's home where the victim and her baby were sleeping, threatening them both with a knife before raping her. The victim, a single mother, was not able to obtain a clear look at her assailment, but a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) hit later identified McFadden as the attacker after he was forced to submit a DNA sample following an arrest on another charge.

Sara Van Strydonck of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case for the people.

"Rapes are among the most horrific crimes that we prosecute, and any time that we're able to remove a sexual predator like Ronell McFadden from the streets, it's a victory of this community," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "This conviction was a long time coming, and a tremendous amount of the credit goes to the District Attorney Investigators for bringing Ronell McFadden to justice. Without their tenacity, he may well have escaped paying for his crime."

McFadden will be sentenced March 7th. He faces 25 years for each charge against him, for a possible total combined sentence of 50 years in prison.

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